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ADD/A (Colonel White)



24 January 1952

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1. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he was at a loss as to know how to go about awarding a bronze star medal to a civilian. I told him to work it out in whatever way it was thought best but that [REDACTED] would certainly have enough rank, prestige, etc., to make the award without bothering the Director.

2. I approved of the installation of a secure communications system between DD/A offices in Administration and South Buildings at an approximate cost of \$400, \$300 of which is recoverable should we move again.

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4. I told Bill Peel that I did not approve of [REDACTED] being the mess officer for the mess in the basement and that it was all right for him to help set this thing up and keep an eye on it, but that I thought one of [REDACTED] assistants should be responsible for the day-to-day detail of running this mess when it is established.

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5. I instructed Bill Peel not to publish any changes in tables of organization until we had this personnel ceiling difficulty ironed out.

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6. Bill Peel says that the functions which Mr. Hedden has outlined for the Inspector General for incorporation into CIA [REDACTED] duplicate many of those functions now assigned to O&M. I told Bill to send the paper over here for review and that I thought the DCI should approve of such a statement of functions before its publication.

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7. At Mr. Dulles' request, arranged for the payment of approximately \$300 to [REDACTED]

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9. At the General Counsel's request, I asked General Smith at the Deputies' Meeting whether he had taken any action at the White House, or elsewhere, that would

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taken no action but that he did not want us to proceed with any such discussions until a staff study had been made which he approved. As a matter of fact, I think that considerable discussion has already taken place and that I may have crossed up Mr. Dulles by asking this question. I informed Larry Houston and [REDACTED] as to the Director's desires. In this connection, General Smith emphasized that he did not want any more papers coming to him except in staff study form. I am redrafting the appropriate section of CIA Regulations to accomplish this purpose.

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10. [REDACTED] of OSI was in to discuss the possibility of changing the titles of the chiefs of the OSI operations and production staffs to deputies. I told him that, in my opinion, since these officers were not in the command echelon such designations would be inappropriate.

11. [REDACTED] was in to discuss three sour agents in connection with Project [REDACTED]. I told him that I would approve of acquisition of a safe house at a cost of approximately \$6,000 between now and 1 July (includes food, maintenance, etc.) to take care of these three and others who might come along. I emphasized, however, that these people should be removed from the country as rapidly as possible.

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12. I approved of the purchase of a car (Cost - \$2,000) for [REDACTED] with the concurrence of the General Counsel and Comptroller, since [REDACTED] transportation facilities are being withdrawn.

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13. I asked Larry Houston to look up the laws in connection with bringing alcoholic beverages into Government buildings and to draft a Notice for me publicizing these laws and directing strict compliance therewith.

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